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In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

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Filed: May 31, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Revised Amendment, including an Appendix, in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 1, 2003.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this revision and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: May 12, 2003

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, the period for reply having been extended three months to April 25, 2003 by a petition and fee filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel paragraphs [045] – [048] and replace with the following amended text:

[045] The acid flocculated and dried SPS was dispersed with a blend of sodium polyacrylate and soda ash at about pH = 8 at various solids concentrations. The 0.5-gallon samples were milled/liquid worked in a Kady mill for 20 minutes. The samples were then dried in an air oven overnight keeping the temperature below 75°C.

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